

In the Specification

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4, lines 3-11 with the following:

The known modifications of the methods of transformation influenced most often the frequency of the regeneration of transgenic shoots or the frequency of transgenic callus formation. None of the improved methods led to considerable lowering of somaclonal variations and morphological changes of transgenic plants with an enhanced resistance to phytopathogenic fungi. For example, in the expression of thaumatin in transgenic plants of cucumber (Szwacka et al., ~~2000~~ 2002) an enhancement of resistance to *Pseudoperonospora cubensis* was detected only in part of transgenic plants, and the recombinant protein-expression level did not correlate with the resistance level.